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Sadie McMullen Case

In 1890, Sadie McMullen was charged with pushing a child, Nellie Connors, over a bridge to her death, in Akron, NY. She was 17. Had she been convicted, she would have been the first woman in New York State to go to the electric chair. Instead, she was judged insane and was committed to the Buffalo State Asylum for two years. After her release, she is said to have married an attorney associated with her case.

A history of the case appeared in the *Journal of Nervous & Medical Disease*, July 1891.

The file of the coroner's inquest is in our Erie County Clerk's Office collection. It is not digitized or online. It can be seen by appointment.

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